



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of this Body are honored to recognize
3 significant milestones in the lives of the people of this
4 State; and

5 WHEREAS, It has come to our attention that Estella Smith of
6 Chicago is celebrating the 100th anniversary of her birth; and

7 WHEREAS, Mrs. Smith was born on July 31, 1906, in
8 Donaldsonville, Georgia, and raised in Apalachicola, Florida;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, She later moved to St. Petersburg, Florida, where
11 she met and married Eugene Smith, a Pullman Porter who resided
12 in Chicago; and

13 WHEREAS, Mrs. Smith is the proud mother of three children,
14 Mary Ella, Richard, and Edward, whom she stayed home to raise;
15 while they were growing up, she participated in their school
16 and church activities; she has been a faithful member of
17 Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church since 1941; and

18 WHEREAS, Because of her sweet and loving personality, she
19 has become a second mom to many of her children's friends,
20 including the late Mayor Harold Washington, with whom she had a
21 very special relationship; and

22 WHEREAS, Mrs. Smith is the grandmother of six, Gregory,
23 Tracye, Sharon, Ryan, Michael, and Dionne, and the
24 great-grandmother of four, Hasani, Jelani, Clayton, and Donna;
25 therefore, be it

26 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
27 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
28 we congratulate Mrs. Estella Smith on the occasion of her 100th

1 birthday, and we extend to her our sincere best wishes for the
2 future; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to Mrs. Smith as an expression of our respect and
5 esteem.